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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Madam President, I move the adoption of E & R amendments to LB 1348.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 1348. All in favor say aye, opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler, AM2993.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, I'd withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Wehrbein, AM2999, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wehrbein to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. Thank you, Madam President, members. I'd like to withdraw that amendment and substitute AM3131 for that. (Legislative Journal page 1396.)

SENATOR CROSBY: It is withdrawn, and the substitution made.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. This is a bill that we discussed quite a bit a couple...or, not a couple, a few days ago, having to do with the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act. It's a bill, if you recall, that LB 1348 had passed through, and Senator Vrtiska's LB 1222 had come along, and we debated that quite intensely. Senator Vrtiska and I got together, worked on this bill. It's been merged together, welded together, melded together, whatever you want to say. It's been filed as AM3131, that I think meets the interests of everyone involved, particularly Senator Vrtiska's and mine. I've also worked with Senator Beutler on this, and I believe that his concerns have been addressed. I'll let him speak for himself on that. I will say that the, in a nutshell, the money has been reduced to \$1,250,000. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will remain for the microenterprise funding. There will